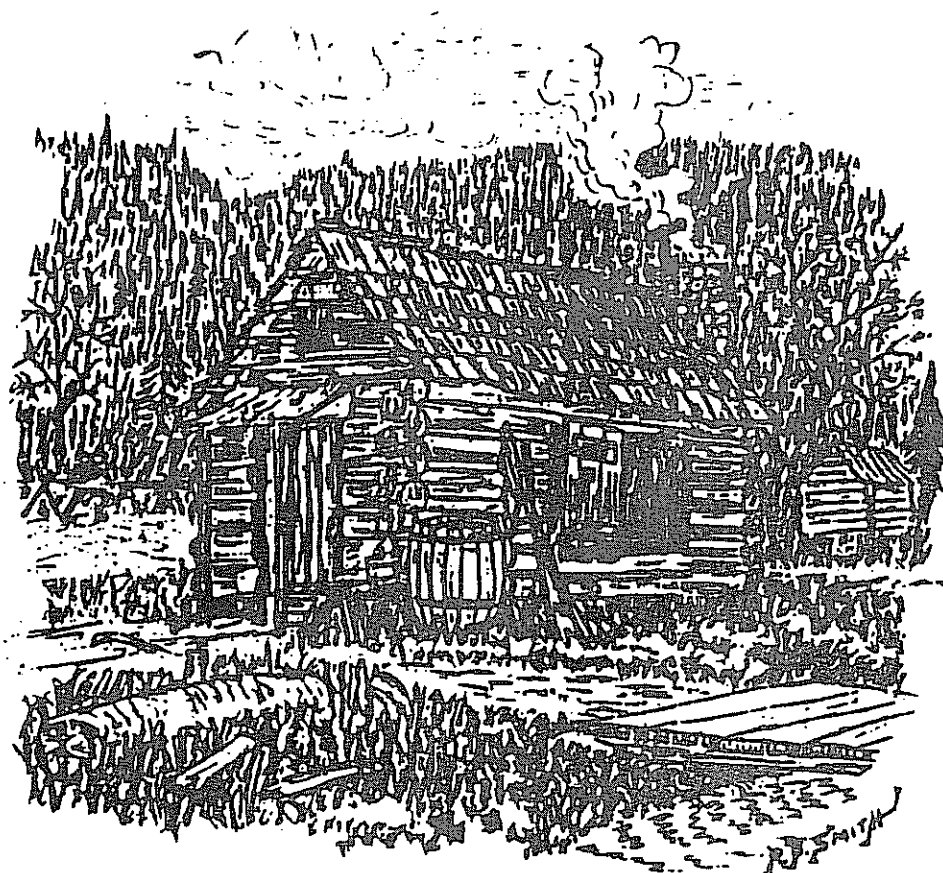


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HCPD
LIBRARY

Notes from the HCPD President

June 1993

The HCPD Library Volunteers are busy every day - for you, your friends, whether they come from near-by or across the country. Irma Curtis our Librarian, says the Library is "buzzing".

A new sign is on our Library front lawn. Come and see what it says "24 hours a day" for HCPD!

All the way from Washington a professional choreographer for USDA set up his large video camera and interviewed the HCPD'ers and several African Americans who, years ago, attended the one room red brick school, now the Central West Virginia Genealogical and Historic Library. The HCPD Library was picked for its quality!

The HCPD Library is now on the National Register! We should celebrate this accomplishment. Our HCPD Editor, Joy Gilchrist, has an excellent article prepared to announce this achievement. Let's give her our appreciation for the many hours she researched wrote and re-wrote, and edited this bit of history.

Let's paint it red! This was the consensus of the African Americans who helped us dedicate the HCPD Library in August 1992. Take a look now and see what color our Library is! Better still, talk to Joy and Chuck and their "crew" and let them speak first hand of the work and sweat to add to the beauty of an historic structure.

The maintenance item of our budget is being increased to include future maintenance of our computers and printer, telephone, trash disposal, additional electric use, and increased use of copiers.

Air Conditioning - it is essential! Thanks to the Gilchrists we have a heavy duty air conditioner and it is a blessing every warm and or hot day. Thanks much - Chuck and Joy!

1781 - that is the date cut on a stone loaned to HCPD to exhibit. Mrs. Pauline Daugherty, co-owner of the John Hacker Cabin and members of her family found the triangle shaped stone near the mouth of Bloody Run along Hacker's Creek. Also on the stone is the carved word of either "HEAD" OR "HEAR" and also either a dendritic sketch of a major stream with tributaries or a large tree trunk with branches on either side. HCPD and Mrs. Daugherty welcomes any explanation.

Maurice L. Allman, Pres.

Dear Family and Friends -

The new history book is expected momentarily (you'll have yours - if you ordered one - by or about the time you receive this issue)!

The computers are a Godsend! We're in the process of training the staff and everyone is doing great! We've added another five thousand or so names to the database. Ask if your families are in them the next time you come in or write to us.

Bev Messenger has learned to index on her computer and is indexing anything and everything she can get her hands on - including all those wonderful obits from recent times that George "Tom" Scott has given us. Matha's also become computer-wise and is working on obits, marriages and births from the 1940's; look for these to be published in the next few months. Betty Mayfield of Jane Lew has been working on the 1950's and Barb McCarty's indexing those that have not been indexed; we should be able to publish those soon too. Now all we need is a fairy godmother to help us get the rest of the card catalogue on the computer! We'll make it - someday!

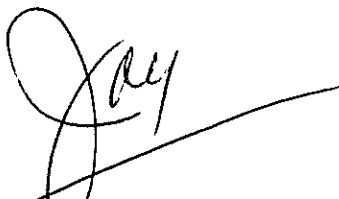
The library is on the National Register!

The Mary Conrad Cabin Fund is doing well. You don't know about that project? Look in the index for the story elsewhere in this issue.

Sorry we're a bit late with this issue - we've been proofreading the history book, doing computer work, touring Hacker's Creek with the McWhorter and Jackson families and some of the Smith family, making preparations for the gathering, taking research trips to Indiana and Ohio and the Shenandoah Valley, and trying to keep up with 60 bushels of Early Harvest apples from this \$%#@ apple tree in my yard. (In the spring when it was loaded with blooms and then scads of little apples, Chuck said I would be cussing it before the summer was out. He was right! I just can't stand to see them go to waste and folks don't really like to "can" anymore. They'll taste good this winter, though.)

From time to time we are asked about submitting stories for the Journal - PLEASE DO! Stories should be clearly written, referenced where possible, and pertain to the history and/or genealogy of the Central West Virginia area. The editorial staff, however, retains the right to decide what will be published in each issue; if a story is controversial, we do take it to the executive committee for the final decision.

Planning a family reunion next year?? Want to advertise it in the Journal? Send particulars by March 15, 1994, and we'll publish it in Issue 2.

A handwritten signature, likely "Jay", written in dark ink. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'J' and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

HCPD maintains four cemeteries in the Hacker's Creek watershed: Morrison which is probably the second oldest cemetery in Lewis County and the burial place of many of the county's earliest settlers; Mitchell; Smith Run; and the small Cozad. We are dependant on donations to care for these cemeteries.

The Executive Committee has voted to begin some improvements and badly needed repairs at Morrison, i.e., groundhog extermination, filling sunken graves, and uprighting and cementing fallen stones. If you have family buried at Morrison, we especially need your help.

LAMBERT HISTORY PUBLISHED

HISTORY OF THE LAMBERT FAMILY FROM JUGENHEIM IN RHEINHESSEN has been written by Christene Lambert Bertram and is now available for purchase. Inquiries about the 248-page indexed hardbound book should be directed to Christene L. Bertram, 5200 Brittany Drive South, Apt. 208, St. Petersburg, FL 33715-1513.

Christine's book discusses the Lamberts, the Baker (Becker), Smith, Trout (Traut), Yager (Yeager), Beidler, Grabill (Creabill), Larrick, Wendel (Windle), and Hall families.

JOHN RATLIFF REUNION

In 1810 John Ratliff settled on Middle Mountain in what is now Hardy County, West Virginia. He married Mary BORROR in 1812 and raised five children: William, who married Melinda YANKEY; Phoebe, who married John RIGGLEMAN III; Barbara, who married Jacob REEL; Elizabeth, who married Philip CRITES; and Simon, who married Suzanne MONGOLD.

The Third Annual Reunion of the Descendants of John Ratliff (1789-1868) and Mary Borrer Ratliff (1789-after 1860) will be held on Sunday, October 10, 1993 (every year on the second Sunday in October) at the Peru Community Center, on the South Fork Road, Moorefield, West Virginia.

There will be a "carry-in" (picnic) lunch at noon. Come early so we can meet everyone and enjoy the fellowship of all the cousins of the five branches of children.

After lunch we will go to the cemetery at the Ratliff "Old Home-Place" for a dedication of a memorial stone for John and Mary, also for Simon and Suzanne that are buried there with only fieldstones for markers.

Don't leave your branch of the family not represented! Bring your families and lunch and join the family.

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THE HIGHER YOU CLIMB

Quote from Bruce Bawer in "Points to Ponder," Reader's Digest, July 1993.

The higher you climb in your family tree, the more you'll realize that the tree's not really a tree. For as its branches divide again and again, more and more of them reconnect with one another, as well as with the branches of the family trees of everyone else on earth.

The further you look into your own genealogy, then, the more you're struck by the fact that we're all related to Dante and Mozart, to Churchill and Hitler--and to one another. To me, that's the ultimate lesson of genealogy: a lesson not in snobbery and self-importance, but in the fact that we're all members of one large family.

WEST VIRGINIA PEOPLE IN OHIO

by Joy Gilchrist

A few months ago, member Linda Meyers was researching in the 1910 census of Sheffield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio. She noted that there were numerous families from West Virginia and recognized the surnames as belonging to the Central West Virginia area. She copied them and sent them to me for inclusion in a future Journal.

As I read through the names, I realized that these folks, particularly the Alvin Westfall family and the Samuel R. Bird family, were from Lewis County and that Alvin Westfall was none other than Raydine Westfall Teicheira's grandfather. I knew that Hollis, the eight-year-old child mentioned in the census, was still living in California and that Raydine had a picture of a West Virginia picnic held by these folks in Ashtabula. That picture appears on the next page.

I asked Hollis Westfall about these families' emigration to Ohio. He said that someone from the Ireland area had gone to Ashtabula and wrote back telling about the flat, fertile land and the ease of farming it. The letter convinced Alvin Westfall and some of the Regers (who were not picked up by Linda in her survey) to go have a look. Because the Westfalls and Regers were looked upon in the community as leaders, other families decided to join them.

There was not time to do an in-depth study of these folks, but I did check a few sources and have added other pertinent information.

1910 Ashtabula - Sheffield Twp.

131/131

Ninlson Snyder, ae 33, was born in West Virginia, as were both of his parents. His wife Rose was ae 25 and she and her parents were all West Virginia natives. They had four sons in 1910: the eldest, Dail, was six and born in West Virginia; Gorman, ae 4, Doyle, ae 2 7/12, and Kermite, ae 4/12, were all born in Ohio.

135/135

Clide Pickens, ae 22, single, and born in West Virginia, was living in the household of New York native, Edmond Luci, and worked as a farmhand. According to the 1880 and 1900 census records of Lewis County, Clyde's parents were David Pickens and his first wife Sarah. In 1900, David and his second wife, also named Sarah, were living in Hacker's Creek District. Clyde was born in August 1887, per the 1900 census.

36/36

Cramer S. Jackson, ae 36 and single, was born in West Virginia as were his parents.

54/54

John D. Bennett, ae 41, born in West Virginia (Jan 1869, according to 1900 Lewis Co Census), was a blacksmith and had his own shop. He and his wife, Fleeta F., ae 42 (born Mar 1868 according to 1900 Lewis Co Census), had been married 18 years. Their children Martin James, Ruby, and Clarence C. were also born in West Virginia and lived in the household. According to the 1900 Lewis County Census, Martin J. was born in Jan 1894 and Ruby in June 1898. John D. Bennett was a son of James H. and Martha Bennett of Collins Settlement District, Lewis County. Fleeta was the daughter of George W. and Susannah (Ambrose) Conrad of Roanoke, Collins Settlement District.

56/56

Samuel R. Bird, a widower and general farmer, had his daughter, Bertha M. Armstrong, ae 30, and granddaughter Marvel Armstrong(?), ae 7, living with him in Sheffield Township. Samuel was from the Ireland area of Lewis County. According to the 1900 Lewis County Census, Samuel was born Jan 1844 and was married ca 1866 to Amanda W. Reger who was born Nov 1845; they had ten children, all of whom were living in 1900. Named as children in that census are: Mary E. A., b Mar 1857; Sidney W., b Aug 1878; Bertha M., b Sep 1880; Mifflin L., b Apr 1884; Kent R., b Aug 1886; Sieg R., b Feb 1888. Another child may have been Hettie G. (Bird) Armstrong, wife of Charles C. Armstrong; this family were near neighbors to Samuel in Sheffield Township as will be noted.

Bird's did "part singing" - step-singing

58/58

James G. Olin, ae 31, was a farmer. He and his parents were native Ohioans. His wife was Bertha O., ae 30, born in West Virginia as were her parents. They had two children, Moras (Morris?) W., ae 3, and Arnold, ae 10/12, both born in Ohio. It is probable that Bertha is the same person as Bertha M., daughter of Samuel R. Bird mentioned above.

60/60

Charles C. Armstrong, ae 40, was born in West Virginia. His mother was from Virginia and his father from West Virginia. Charles and his wife, Hettie G., the daughter of Samuel R. Bird, were married 19 years in 1910. Three children were in their household that year: Davis/Dairus, ae 18, Alvin, ae 15, and William L., ae 12.

No household number

Den__ Wade, ae 50, was born in West Virginia as were his parents. His wife, Sofia B., ae 42, and her parents were native West Virginians. Den__ and Sofia were married 24 years in 1910. Three children are named in the household in that year: Ora P., ae 21; Laura L., ae 13; and Sabrina E., no age given.

No household number

Hazel W. Crawford, ae 53, and his wife Mary E., ae 49, had been married 33 years; Hazel was a farmer. According to the 1900 Lewis County census, they had 9 children, seven of whom were living in 1900; however, only a son, Cledeth, ae 16, and a daughter, Reta V., ae 12, remained in the household in 1910. Newman's 1900 Lewis County Census says that Mary E. was a Cochran; she was born in Mar 1861. Hazel was born in Apr 1857. Besides the two children already mentioned, children in 1900 were: Edward A., b Jan 1879, French H., b Feb 1883, Wade H., b Sep 1884, Eula T., b May 1886, and Ludela, b Jun 1880. Ludella, in 1900, was married to Samuel C. Davis who was born in Jul 1878. Sam and Ludella had a daughter, Edith, born in Dec 1899 in West Virginia.

100/100

French Crawford, twenty-one year old son of Hazel and Mary E., was the head of this household. French and his bride, Grace, had been married less than a year. Grace was 24 and born in Ohio.

No household number

William Bennett, ae 31, was a younger brother of John D. Bennett in household 54/54 above. He was a farmer. William and his wife, Mattie M., also a West Virginia native, had five children, all but the youngest born in West Virginia. They were: Horace, ae 8; Grace, ae 7; Ruth, ae 5; James, ae 4; and Charles/Chester, ae 1 8/12.

101/101

David Pickens, ae, father of Clide/Clyde above, was a widower and a farmer. Living in the household were sons George, ae 25, and Gay, ae 12, and George's wife Hazel M. (ae 20 and an Ohioan).

119/119

William B. Yoak, ae 37, was a farmer. He was born in West Virginia as were his parents. He was married to his second wife, Miranda E., ae 40, for nine years. Miranda was also a West Virginian. William's two eldest children were born in West Virginia, the rest in Ohio. They were: Clara A., ae



Neighbors from southern Lewis Co. who bought land in Ohio in the area of Ashtabula, Kingsville, Kellogsville in the early 1900s. My dad is Raymond C. Westfall who is 7 from the left in the back row with other family members, Okey E., Alvin B., Maud V., French K., Wallis D. and Grace in the front rows.

12; Claracy M., ae 7; Virginia M., ae 4; Mary B., ae 3; and William E., ae 1 2/12. William B. Yoak on the 1910 Sheffield Census is probably the same person as William H. Yoke, son of William J. and Mary A. (Bennett) Yoke on the 1900 Lewis County Census and grandson of David and Jane (Stewart) Bennett.

127/127

William N. Long, ae 42, was born in West Virginia as were his parents. William had apparently been married twice. May, ae 24, was his second and they had been married nine years. May was from West Virginia also. Others in the household were: Nova, a daughter, ae 18, born WV; Earl D., a son, ae 16, born WV; Winnie, a daughter, ae 5, born WV; and Visul, ae 3, a daughter and born in Ohio.

No household number

Alvin B. Westfall, ae 57, had been married for 39 years to Julia A., ae 59. With the exception of Julia (nee Kiddy), all in the household were born in West Virginia. Julia was born in Virginia. Living in the household were the following children of the couple: Okey B., ae 24; Maude V., ae 26; Raymond C., ae 22; French K., ae 21; and Wallace D., ae 14. Two grandsons, children of _____ were also in the household; they were Hollis D., ae 8, and Kurt, ae 5.

AFTER the family returned to Lewis County, Kurt(Hurst) went swimming, got pneumonia, and died. Uncle O.B. had just married Aunt Mattie. Where was Wilbur? Bur in Reger at Ireland. Gertrude Reger was Okey's first wife, then m. Grace Wilson's mother, then she died after about a year,

JAMES F. SUDOR - NANCY BROWN

The following biography was found in the History of Hardin County, Ohio, published by Warner, Beers & Co in 1883:

John F. Sudor, a native of Harrison County, Va., born in 1812, married Nancy Brown, of Lewis County, of that State, and emigrated to Logan County, Ohio, in the fall of 1834; in 1839, came here with his family and settled on Section 32, where he resided till quite aged, when he removed to Ada, where he died November 11, 1879. His wife still survives, and resides upon the old home place with one of her daughters. Mr. Sudor purchased eighty acres when he first settled here, for which he paid \$2.50 per acres, and commenced right in the woods, poor and penniless, and by industry and economy became the owner of 400 acres of excellent land. He sustained an untarnished integrity, and was respected by a large circle of friends. Their children were Minerva J., Margaret Ann, Permelia E., Mary D., and Sarah C. -- all living.

A Central West Virginia Saga: Mary Conrad
by Joy Gilchrist

Jackson's Mill is located in Lewis County and is the boyhood home of the famed Confederate general, "Stonewall" Jackson. Seventy-plus years ago, Monongahela Power gave a five-acre tract, which included the old Jackson's mill, to the state of West Virginia for use as a park and historic area. Under capable leadership from West Virginia University and with assistance from the local Farm Womens Clubs, 4-H clubs and numerous businesses, the five acres was developed as the world's first state 4-H camp; over the years, the camp was expanded to 500 acres and is now a fine conference center with visitors coming from all over the world.

In 1924 the cabin home of one of West Virginia's pioneer millers, Henry McWhorter, was moved to the historic area. Other than this, and maintenance of the old mill, no further development occurred in the historic area until the 1980's when the Blaker Mill was moved from Greenbrier County, West Virginia, to the site. Reconstructed almost entirely with volunteer labor, yet at considerable expense to the university, the Blaker Mill is expected to be totally operational at the end of this summer.

While thousands of visitors have trekked to view the boyhood home of Jackson over the years, other than visitng the small museum in the Jackson mill there was nothing much to do and no hope of there being any income from the historic area. Now that is changing.

Chapter 2

In the 1980s, the Army Corps of Engineers began construction on the long-planned Stonewall Jackson Dam in southern Lewis County. The Mary Conrad cabin was among the buildings moved to make way for the 3000 acre lake and recreational area that being created by the damming of the waters of the upper West Fork River.

The front half of this double-pen log house was constructed in 1846 by William Rohrbaugh; the back half was built in 1857 by George Conrad. During the Civil War, the house was a courier stop for Union troops and a resting place for both Union and Confederate troops as they moved north and south along the Weston and Gauley Bridge Turnpike. Future presidents of the United States Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley were among those soldiers. In the 1950s, Mary Conrad, granddaughter of George, deeded the log house to the state for use as part of a roadside park at its location; during this time, it was maintained by the Roanoke Farm Womens Club.

Because the cabin was eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and because it was supposed to be part of a roadside park, in late 1980's the Corps of Engineers moved the cabin to a new location and established a roadside park around it. The West Virginia Department of Highways was to assume responsibility for its care and maintenance when the park was completed. In 1990, just as the transfer to DOH was about to happen, the DOH went out of the roadside park business because of budget cuts.

The Corps of Engineers is not in the roadside park business and, by law, were required to find someone - if not a governmental agency, then a not-for-profit organization with a "good track record" - to assume responsibility for the cabin and its adjacent park. They

searched for nearly two years. The answer was always the same, "Not enough volunteers; lack of security at the present site; too costly to maintain; etc."

Somewhere along the way, the Corps approached the staff at Jackson's Mill about moving the cabin to the historic area there. Bill Fry, the director at the Mill, told them that the Mill would take the cabin and use it for a visitor's center but that the Corps or someone would have to build a restroom facility to go with it. He gave this reply because there are no restrooms in the historic area. The nearest restroom is some distance away in the camp/conference center; when camp is in session (about nine months out of the year) visitors are not allowed on the camp grounds. Also, the increased traffic in the historic area as the result of additional historic buildings would make it necessary, by law, for there to be a restroom built there. Additionally, the Mill was required, by legislative mandate, to become nearly self-supporting. Constructing a restroom facility would place a burden on the Mill's already strained budget, particularly when it would have to be done under state contract with architects and bids and all that implies. A figure in the neighborhood of \$65,000 for a 24 x 24 restroom was a good probability.

The Corps replied that while they could spend federal dollars on moving the Cabin to the Mill and spend additional dollars to do some renovative work to the building after it was moved, they could not spend the money to build restrooms.

And the Corps continued looking for a home for Mary Conrad Cabin. I should say here that the majority of Lewis Countians were unaware of this effort by the Corps to do something with Mary Conrad - and those who were aware were not aware that consideration was being given to moving it from its present location. Until. . . .

"Mary Conrad Cabin to be Moved to Prickett's Fort in May" was the headline in an January 1993 "Weston Democrat." Now everyone was aware! Mary Conrad was being moved to Marion County, nearly 100 miles from its present location - and the county's citizens were upset. "Upset" is hardly the word; "furious" is more like it. Meetings were held and a committee was formed to keep the cabin in Lewis County. The first preference was for it to be placed in the Stonewall Jackson State Park. Without going into all the details, those efforts met stonewalls (pun intended). The answer from the Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Tourism and Parks was an emphatic, "NO! It doesn't meet with the 'Master Plan' for development at Stonewall Jackson Lake." Additional calls were made and letters were written; Corps officials attended Cabin Committee meetings as did representatives of Tourism and Parks. The answer remained the same: it cannot be placed at Stonewall Jackson Lake.

By now, the director of our Chamber of Commerce had become a "persona non grata" in Charleston and we were getting the message that it would be best for the future development of Lewis County in the terms of additional monies for lake development, monies to complete construction of the new Weston State Hospital and to keep it operational (another story too lengthy for here but very important to the overall economic picture in Lewis County), and monies for highway construction if the Cabin Committee dropped the battle to move the Cabin to the Lake.

Since wise men (women, too) know when it's best to change the approach and since we knew we were running out of time (with the move

of the cabin planned for this summer), the Cabin Committee re-opened negotiations with Jackson's Mill. The answer remained the same. The Mill would take the cabin but they must have restrooms.

Chapter 3.

Because several members of the Cabin Committee were also members of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, West Virginia's largest genealogical and historical society with over 600 members in 37 states and an organization dedicated to preserving the history and genealogy of Central West Virginia, the HCPD Executive Committee decided that HCPD would spearhead a drive to raise the necessary funds and recruit the volunteer labor to construct the restroom facility.

Further negotiations between Jackson's Mill, the Corps of Engineers, and the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants ensued. An agreement was reached at a mid-May meeting. The Corps would assume expenses for the move of the Mary Conrad Cabin to Jackson's Mill, replace the roof, install new doors and windows, install a new oak floor on the first floor, and repair the chimney; Jackson's Mill agreed to accept Mary Conrad, to maintain it for all time, and to pay for and have the cabin foundation in place by August 15 or as soon as feasible; HCPD and the Cabin Committee agreed to raise the funds for the restroom facility - the amount was reduced to \$35,000 since it did not have to be done by state contract and work would be mostly volunteer labor.

Chapter 4.

The Cabin Committee went to work. A campaign was organized to raise the funds and is in full swing at the present time. We started our business contacts with Steve Craig, owner of Mountain State Log Homes and West Fork Lumber Company of Ireland in southern Lewis County. On Friday night, June 18, at a fundraising dinner held at Jackson's Mill, we announced that Steve Craig and Mountain State Log Homes will donate ABOUT \$20,000 IN LOGS, MATERIALS, AND LABOR TO CONSTRUCT A MULTI-USE BUILDING IN THE HISTORIC AREA OF JACKSON'S MILL. This generous donation meets, and probably exceeds, donations by any one person to any project of any type in Lewis County in modern times.

You will note that we are no longer talking about a restroom; now we're building a multi-purpose building! It will be 30' x 60' and the budget has been raised to \$55,669.61. It will have public restrooms with showers for workers in the historic area and the annual encampments of several re-enactment groups. There will be room for a snack-bar and a meeting room. A gift shop will be opened in the back half of Mary Conrad.

After Steve's announcement was made, West Virginia State Senator Bill Sharpe announced that he and his brother Tom, owners of Sharpe Electric, would assume responsibility for all the electrical work, a donation of about \$6500. In the six weeks (it's now July 31), more than \$6000 in cash donations and pledges from individuals, organizations, and small businesses in the Lewis County area have been received; M&W Window Company has donated the windows (more than \$2000 worth) and part of the doors; a truss company in Clay County is donating the roof trusses; Alcon Cement Company donated all the cement and gave us a good price on the blocks for the foundation; and, we're

waiting now to hear from several other manufacturing firms who are seriously considering helping with the project.

Chapter 5.

As the campaign progressed, we could see that the project was a "GO!" Mountain State Log Homes and others wanted to be able to have the "log raising" during Jubilee at Jackson's Mill over Labor Day weekend. Ground was broken the first week in August, the foundations for both the Mountain State Building and Mary Conrad were poured, and the blocks were layed last week. All with volunteer labor! And guess who is the "general contractor" - your editor!!

We approaching our goal for the multi-purpose building - and, with luck, we'll have the new building under roof by fall. Mary Conrad is expected to be moved before November.

EDITOR'S NOTE: When the Executive Committee agreed to spearhead the drive for Mary Conrad, it was with the understanding that there would be no direct solicitation of our membership for contributions. This story is not meant as a sollicitaion - it is meant to keep the HCPD membership informed of what is going on in your organization. However, should you wish to donate, donors of \$100 or more will be given a lifetime membership to the historic area of Jackson's Mill which will serve as a waiver of the present entrance fee to the museum and future fees that might be levied on other attractions at the site.

Donors of \$1000 or more will have their names on a bronze plaque in the cabin and will receive other benefits commensurate with their gift.

Donations to the Mary Conrad Fund, as a part of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Inc., are tax deductible under 501(c)3 of the IRS Code.

Should you wish to discuss this project in further detail, I will be happy to come to McMurray to meet with you.

Again, thank you for your time and attention.

LEST WE FORGET

A Tribute to Julia Ethel Swisher

June 15, 1899 - May 21, 1993

by Nancy Ann Jackson

Julia Ethel Swisher came into this world in the small bustling village of Horner, Lewis County, West Virginia. She was the fifth of seven children born to a prominent farmer and general store owner - Edwin Thomas Stalnaker and his wife Julia Viola Hall Stalnaker.

Edwin Thomas Stalnaker was a descendant of the "celebrated" Capt. Samuel Stalnaker. The latter escaped after being captured by the Indians and became an Indian fighter as mentioned in the Dinwiddie Papers.

Julia Viola Hall's parents were William Dexter and Nancy Sturgess Law Hall. William Dexter Hall was the son of Jonathan Thompson and Margaret "Peggy" Jackson Hall. Jonathan Thompson Hall was the son of Richard Hall. Richard defeated "Stonewall" as constable. However, Richard did not take the office and thus the future "Stonewall" became constable of Lewis County. Nancy Sturgess Law was the daughter of Asa and Mary Fell Law. Both Richard Hall and the Asa Law families lived in walking/riding distance of Jackson's Mill.

Julia Ethel Swisher was well versed in her family heritage. Listen carefully and you too may hear her tell about being a child and awakened by her father to go outside to see Halley's Comet - "a beautiful light with a long tail which filled the sky." One of her dreams was to see Halley's Comet again. She was living at the time when it came again but it couldn't be seen in West Virginia.

Listen to her tell about life at the turn of the century when there was no welfare system. Neighbors cared for each other. There were "pound parties." Neighbors in the little village of Horner would take a pound of "this or that" to her dad's general store where it would be distributed to the family in need. There was always someone in the village who was "down on their luck."

She knew everyone in the village and nearby. Many of them were her relatives. Her father not only had the general store which he sold in 1907 but also was the postmaster as the post office was in his store. He had a grist mill. He raised sheep which had to be sheared and there was always a small child in a huge bag who had to arrange the fleece as it was thrown in the bag. Her father would periodically leave the village and take his cattle to market in Baltimore, Maryland. The freight depot was on his property. Frequently, railroad and timber workers boarded at her home.

Julia's father was such a busy man. One day he had

shaved his moustache off and was sitting at the table when his youngest son, Walter Cedric, squirmed in his seat and upon inquiry told his mother, "Get that strange man out of the boarder's chair." Julia chided her husband by telling him, "You should be ashamed of yourself. You are not home long enough for your children to know you."

It was a busy life in the small village of Horner. There were quilting bees, cake walks, spelling bees, horseback riding in a sidesaddle, and, of course, learning to fish in Stone Coal Creek.

Listen carefully and you will hear Aunt Julia Hall Horner chasing her husband Seymour Horner for whom the village was named. Aunt Julia was a small woman, as was Julia Ethel Swisher who was named for her; and Seymour was no small man. Aunt Julia (Horner) was chasing her husband with an ax yelling, "I'm going to kill you! I'm going to kill you!" Seymour, who had been on a "toot" was saved by his wife's sister and mother to Julia Ethel by being hid under the back stairwell.

Another time, Seymour Horner was walking down the road with a pole over his shoulder and a red bandanna with some contents tied at the end of the pole. Once again he was on a "toot," i.e. imbibing. His wife and her mother, Nancy Law Hall, were in the garden picking green beans. Seymour shouted, "Fare the well Nancy, fare the well. The sun nor moon will shine on this head no more." His mother-in-law replied, "Seymour, supper will be at 5 o'clock." Seymour Horner was home for supper.

Yes, Horner was a colorful, busy place to grow up in.

(Note: During the Civil War when Julia Hall Horner was a young girl, she and another girl rode horses to Lost Creek, about 16 miles from Horner, in order to give the horses to the Union soldiers and then "hoofed" it back to Horner. This information came from a private collection of the Hardman family.)

Julia Ethel Stalnaker Swisher learned early the basic skills which would make her an artisen in quilting, needlepoint, crewel work, and storytelling. She became a "jack of all trades." In later life she enjoyed fishing at Spruce Knob Lake and other places. From her father, she learned to be an avid reader. In later life when she could no longer see to read, she spent her time listening to talking books. She was well versed in classical literature such as Plato and Aristotle when she read when she attended high school in Weston, West Virginia.

But, listen carefully and you too will hear stories about Thomas Jonathan Jackson who was raised at Jackson's Mill and later was known to posterity as "Stonewall." Julia Ethel will remind you that it was later in life that Thomas added his father's name to his.

"Now, Stonewall was quite a dapper when he was a young man. He loved to go to dances. There was no bridge across the river which had risen. Thomas voiced some concern to his uncle Cummins Jackson about getting across the river. Cummins Jackson, a stout muscular man, replied, 'Thomas, that's no problem. I will carry you across the river.'

"That evening as Cummins was carrying Thomas on his shoulders, Cummins suddenly stopped in the middle of the risen West Fork River and stated, 'Thomas, I'm tired. I have got to rest. At that point, Thomas Jackson was dropped into the river.

"Another time Thomas was returning on his horse from a dance around midnight during a full moon. Now Thomas was superstitious as were other persons of his time. Upon arrival in the forks of the road, Thomas was met by a ghost waving its arms slowly up and down, up and down. Thomas suddenly stopped his horse. Whoa Nellie! (Julia Ethel reminds you that the horse may have had another name.) Thomas then said, 'If you are a man, I will go your way; and, if you are a ghost, I will go the other way.' Now Thomas turned his horse around and returned home to Jackson's Mill by the long way. Of course, Cummins who had put a sheet over himself to scare Thomas was back home in bed by the time Thomas arrived home."

Listen carefully and you may hear the whispers as Uncle Cummins makes his counterfeit money in the distant past. You may see him hiding under the Jackson's mill as the "Feds" search for him. Julia Ethel will tell you that his coins had more silver and that was how he was caught. To this day no one knows for sure where he got the silver.

You may see Uncle Cummins climb out of the back window of the courthouse and head west never to return to Jackson's Mill. (Author's note: Or did he return to Lewis County where he died and was buried in secret on the old White farm in the Freemansburg District as related to me by John Law in the 1990's??) Ask the fading old time locals, especially family members, and they will tell you about Uncle Cummin's counterfeiting.

Listen, listen to the distant sounds of the Civil War and you too will hear the command of a Confederate soldier yelling, "Shoot the man with the red sash! The man with the red sash!"

Julia's Grandfather Hall (William Dexter) was a captain in Company C, 10th West Virginia Infantry, of the Union Army and was wearing the red sash. Capt. William Dexter Hall was a first cousin to "Stonewall" and had been raised parttime at Jackson's Mill.

This terrible fratricidal war came to life for me through the stories Julia Ethel Swisher told about her grandfather's fighting at Droop Mountain and around Rich

Mountain. Captain Hall was court-martialed two times. One time was "because he refused to take his men into battle because the vast majority were suffering from dysentery." Perhaps it was this time when he was put under arrest and John H. Bailey was promoted and became the company captain. Julia's grandfather did receive an "honorable" discharge.

The stories related in this tribute were told to Julia Ethel Stalnaker Swisher by her grandmother, Nancy Sturgess Law Hall, wife of Captain William Dexter Hall.

Julia Ethel Stalnaker Swisher (1899-1993) was a person who saw Halley's Comet, saw the first car in Weston, West Virginia, lived at the time of the Wright brother's first airplane flight, listened to programs on radio, later viewed TV, saw the first man land on the moon, and the student uprisings of the 1960's. She lived during the time of the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and was living at the time of Desert Storm. During World War II, she was a welder in a Baltimore, Maryland, airplane factory. Later she worked at the Florence Crittendon Home for Unwed Mothers in Baltimore and ended her work career as matron of a women's prison in that city.

Julia Ethel Stalnaker Swisher was an historian, my counselor, my mentor, my encourager, my role model. She was the person who at age 75 helped me clear the wilderness, like the pioneers, for my campsite. She demonstrated to me the meaning of Erik Erikson's description of the last stage of human development characterized by integrity versus despair. My aunt, Julia Ethel Stalnaker Swisher, had integrity.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812 SOLDIERS: LEWIS COUNTY BURIALS

Remember all those little drawers in the record room at the Lewis County Courthouse? Marilyn Pumphrey recently discovered a file of Lewis County veterans' burials in one of them.

The file is sheets of forms, apparently completed in the 1940s by some unidentified person or persons. In some cases, the supplier of the information or the next-of-kin is identified.

The file is too lengthy to print in toto here; instead, we are publishing the Revolutionary and War of 1812 burials from the file.

While it is doubtful that the file contains all the

early veteran burials in the county, it is a good resource. If you would like the library staff to check the file for your soldier's burial place, send an SASE with your request and mark it Att: Veteran's Burials.

1. Edmund West. Resided at Jane Lew at death; buried West Fort Cemetery on Route 10 in the Jane Lew city limits; upright flagstone marker says, "Edmund West, Sr., Born Accomack Va. Killed by Indians Dec. 5, 1787"; Private in the Virginia Militia in the Revolution.

2. Alexander West. Resided at Jane Lew at death; buried West Fort Cemetery on Route 10 in the Jane Lew city limits; buried 22 Jun 1834; marker is upright flagstone in bad condition and says, "A. West, D.C. June 20, 1834 Born Aug 11, 1760"; was a private, served at Fort Pitt, 1781, received pension for service with Virginia Militia at age of 74.

Editor's Note: Alexander West also has a tombstone at Broad Run Cemetery.

3. Christian Straley. Resident of Jane Lew at death; buried Straley Cemetery 2.1 miles SE of Jane Lew on Rt 7 to Rt 14, cemetery west of highway (today's direction: Jane Lewis Industrial Park beside Tube Plant); Buried 16 Aug 1818; "Christian Straley Born in Germany Sept. 21 1742 Died Aug 14, 1818, Aged 76 years"; Next of Kin: John C. Straley, great grandson of Jane Lew; Revolution.

4. Watters Smith. Buried Broad Run Cemetery 1.9 miles west of Jane Lew on Rt 8; upright marker; "Watters Smith Died Mar 23, 1849 Aged 81 Ys. 8 Mos. 18 Da."; Next-of-kin, Austin Smith, G.G. grandson, Good Hope, WV; War of 1812.

5. Mark Smith. Buried Smith Run (On Kobleguard Farm), .3 miles east of Weston on Route 119 to Route 14, 1.1 miles NE on this route to cemetery; Upright (broken); "Mark Smith Who died 24th June 1840 Age 84 Y 8 M"; Was an "Indian Spy - Lewis County - 76th Militia" in the Revolution.

Editor's Note: Grave now marked with bronze marker.

6. William Powers. Buried Broad Run Cemetery 1.9 miles West of Jane Lew on Rt 8; date of burial June 8, 1855; "William Powers, Husband of Hannah Powers Born Nov 9, 1765 Died June 6, 1855"; Indian fighter, Justice of the Peace; Revolution.

7. John Norris. Resided at Jane Lew at his death; buried at Norris Cemetery .9 mile Northeast of Jackson Mill on

Route 10 to Route 1/2, north .3 mile on Route 1/2 to cemetery; date of burial Feb 13, 1836; there was no marker but the grave was "11 feet north of Nancy Hill marker"; Date of Death Feb 12, 1836, Jane Lew, from "Complications"; Date of Birth July 4, 1760, Fauquier Co, VA; Next-of-kin G.G. Granddaughter Ruth White of Jane Lew; Rank of Captain in the Revolution; Enlisted in Capt. James Scott's Company, Virginia Militia 1777, then enlisted in Capt. Turners Moorhead Company Virginia Militia 1781. Served at the seige of Yorktown. Present at the surrender of Cornwallis.

8. John Neely. Buried at Broad Run Cemetery, 1.9 miles W of Jane Lew on Rt 8; "John Neely Born Nov 21, 1759 Died June 21, 1835; Next-of-kin Walter Neely, G.G. Grandson, Jane Lew; Revolution.

9. Rev. John Mitchel. Resided at Jane Lew at death; buried Mitchell Cemetery .8 Mile East of Jane Lew on Route 7, 200 feet opposite intersection of Routes 7 and 7/1; date of burial April 31, 1840; Upright sandstone marker; "Rev. John Mitchell. Born in England 1763 Bound to a sailor. Went to W. India & America 1774; thence to E. India; thence to America, 1775. Came to Virginia 1776 Substituted in U.S. Army 1779 Drafted 1779. Died 29th April 1840 76 Y 11 M 25 D"; died of "Complications"; Date of Birth May 4, 1763 in England; Next-of-kin Mrs. Goodlow Barnette, Gt. Gr. Dau. Jane Lew, WV; Bound to a sailor went to West Indian 1774 to America, thence to East India; then to America 1775 came to Virginia 1776 substituted in U.S. Army 1778. Drafted 1779. First minister on Hacker's Creek. Alternately fought the Indians. Also taught the first school in that section.

10. Robert McCray. Residence at Death Roanoke, Lewis Co, West Virginia; Buried Watson Cemetery, .5 mile East of Roanoke on Route 23 to Route 19; thence .3 miles on Route 19 to cemetery; no tombstone but grave "5 ft. South of Telephia McCray marker; Date of Death 1869, Roanoke, WV, of "Complications"; Next-of-kin Mrs. C. H. Peterson, Gt. Gr. Son, Roanoke, West Virginia; War of 1812.

11. William McCracken. Pumphrey Cemetery, 1.4 miles West of Aspinall on Route 21, cemetery 1000 feet south of highway; no marker, grave is "2 ft. West of Troy G. Forinas"; War of 1812.

12. William McClain. Buried Fall Run Cemetery, .6 miles Southeast of Walkersville on Route 44 to Route 19, .6 miles south on Route 19 to cemetery; upright tombstone; "William McClain Born 1792 Died 1847; War of 1812.

13. Samuel Z. Jones. Resided at Jane Lew at death; Mt. Hebron Cemetery, .5 miles west of Jane Lew on Route 10; Date of Burial April 18, 1846; upright tombstone; "IN MEMORY OF Lieut. Samuel Z. Jones Pa. Troops, American Revolution Jan 30, 1759 - Apr 16, 1846. Erected by Trans-Allegheny Chapter D.A.R.; died of "Complications"; Date of Birth Jan 30, 1759 in Philadelphia, PA; Next-of-kin Ray Weber, Gr. Grandson, Weston, West Virginia; Revolution, Penna. Troops.

14. Col. Edward Jackson. Residence at death Weston; buried Jackson Cemetery, .1 mile South of Jackson Mill on Route 12; date of burial Dec 26, 1828; upright handmade flagstone; "Col. Ed'w. Jackson Who was born March the first day 1759, and departed this life Dec 25th 1828 Aged 60 Year 9 Months, 25 Days"; died of "Complications"; Date of Birth Mar 1, 1759 New Jersey; Next-of-kin Ruth White, G.G. Gr. Dau., Jane Lew; Revolution; Is called Col. In Lewis County History, but not military record given.

15. Henry Hinzman. Buried Bonnett Cemetery (Perry Lawman Farm), 7.0 miles East of Jane Lew and .7 mile Northeast of Berlin on Routes 13 and 13/4, Cemetery 1000 feet west of Route 14/3; Next-of-kin Almira Radabough, Gr. Dau. Weston; Revolution.

16. Henry Hardman. Resided at Horner at death; buried Hardman Cemetery 1.2 miles South of Horner on Route 15, cemetery is 1000 feet East of Highway; date of burial Oct 6, 1870; "Henry Hardman Died Oct 3, 1870, Aged 89"; Date of Death Oct 3, 1870 at Horner of "Old Age"; Date of Birth May 1, 1781; Next-of-kin A. C. Hardman, Gr. Son, Horner Rt. 1, West Virginia; Rank Pvt. in War of 1812.

17. John Hacker. Resided at Jane Lew at death; buried at Morrison Cemetery, 4.9 miles Southeast of Jane Lew on Route 7. Cemetery 1000 feet east of highway; "John Hacker Born 1st. of January 1743, settled on this farm in wilderness 1769, indured innumerable privations by Indian hostilities. Died April 20th A.D. 1824 Age 81Y 3 mo."; Date of death April 20, 1824 of "Complications"; Revolution; Served under General George Rogers Clark.

18. Rev. John Davis. Buried Broad Run Cemetery, Jane Lew, 1.9 miles West of Jane Lew on Route 8; "Davis Rev. John 1754 - 1842. Pstr. Salem S.D.B. Ch. 41 Yrs. D.A.R. 1925"; Revolution.

19. Isaac Cox. Buried Broad Run Cemetery, 1.9 miles West of Jane Lew on Route 8; Upright government marker; "Isaac Cox Forman's N.J. Mil. Rev. War 1838"; Next-of-kin Mrs. C. M.

Cunningham, Gr. Dau. Clarksburg, 510 State Ave.

20. John Corathers. Residence at death Weston; buried Corathers Cemetery, 2.0 miles West of Georgetown on Route 36 to Route 36/2; thence .6 mile North on Route 36/2 to cemetery; date of burial Sept 9, 1872; marker is Upright (broken); "John Corathers Died Sept 8, 1872 Aged 84 Yrs. 3 Mo."; Date of Death Sept 8, 1872 Weston "Old Age"; Date of Birth June 8, 1788, Ireland; Next-of-kin Joseph Corathers, Gr. Son, Weston, WV; Rank of Lt. in War of 1812; "Lieut. in Capt. James Harvey's Company from Monongalia and Brooks County. In Service at Norfolk 1814."

21. Paulsner Butcher. Residence at death Weston; buried Butcher Cemetery, 2.0 miles North of Weston on Route 1; marker is "plain field rock"; Date of death 1839 Lewis County; date of birth 1748 England; Next-of-kin Scott Butcher, Weston, West Virginia; Revolution; "Served under Gen. Joseph Warren Came to America in 1776 along with six brothers as British Soldiers, landing in Boston, Mass, where they deserted the British Army in time to participate in the Battle of Bunker Hill under the command of Gen. Joseph Warren as American Minute men."

22. John Brake. Residence at death Jane Lew; buried Law Cemetery 1.6 miles West of Jane Lew on Route 10 to Route 10/14, .2 miles South on this route to cemetery; no marker but grave is 19 ft East of West and 21 ft 6 in South of north Fence; Date of death 1863 Jane Lew; Next-of-kin L. P. Brake, Gr. Son, Clarksburg, Hickman St.; War of 1812.

23. Peter Allman. Buried Old Harmony Cemetery 1.6 miles Southeast of Jane Lew on Route 7; Date of burial Oct 15, 1825; Upright flagstone marker; "Peter Allman Was 'B' March 24' 1789 Decd. Oct. 13, 1825"; War of 1812.

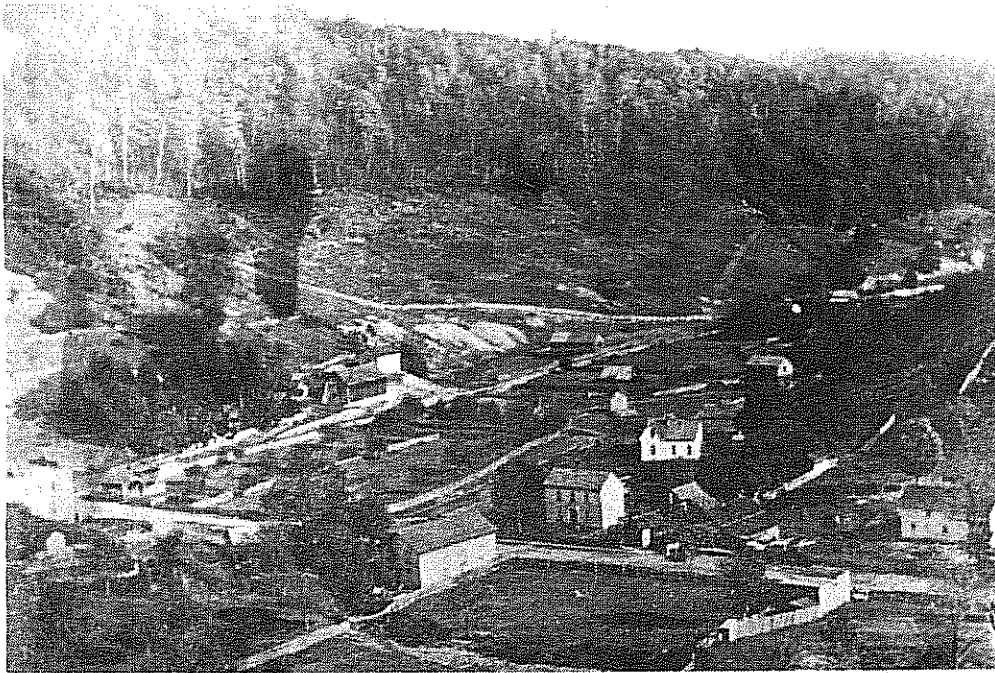
24. Richard M. Adkins. Buried Taylor Cemetery 1.3 miles South of Berlin on Route 26; Next-of-kin Sarah Maxon, Weston; Revolution.

EDITOR'S NOTE: IF YOU KNOW OF ANY REVOLUTIONARY OR WAR OF 1812 GRAVES THAT ARE IN LEWIS COUNTY THAT ARE NOT IDENTIFIED HERE, PLEASE SEND PERTINENT DATA (BIRTH DATE, DEATH DATE, CEMETERY AND GRAVE LOCATION AND SERVICE INFORMATION) TO JOY'S ATTENTION SO IT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THIS FILE AT OUR LIBRARY.

DUES

Our new year starts October 1 - dues for 1993/1994 are due by then.

HELVETIA, A GERMAN COMMUNITY
by Joy Gilchrist



Nestled in the shade of Turkey Bone Mountain in Randolph County, West Virginia, Helvetia is reminiscent of the Swiss and German villages left behind in the Fatherland by the founding families.

Many German and Swiss families emigrated to the United States during the Civil War and fought for the causes of both sides. After the war, the recently arrived German-speaking people congregated in various locations throughout the country and formed societies or "vereins" for the common good.

The "GRUETLI VEREIN" was formed in Brooklyn, New York. They pledged themselves to stand by each other and to emigrate to some section of the country where they might be free to live and labor as they desired. The opportunity to stand by their pledge came in 1869 when one of their Swiss members, a Mr. Isler, returned from a trip to the mountains of West Virginia where he had been employed as a surveyor for a Washington, D. C., firm. Mr. Isler gave a glowing account of what he had seen.

Pleased with what they had learned, the Gruetli Verein sent an committee to investigate the mountainous country. The committee members were: Jacob Halder, Ulrich Mueller, Henry Asper, Sr., Joseph Zielman, Xavier Holtzweg, and Mathias Marti.

The committee left Brooklyn on 15 October 1869 and traveled to Clarksburg, West Virginia, by rail. Then, by wagon, horseback and "shank's mare," they traveled 75 miles south to the Hyer plantation (8 miles south of present-day Helvetia). Here they began their exploration of the lonely mountainsides enveloped in endless forests. The committee selected properties on the Middlefork River which were

offered at reasonable prices by the friendly West Virginia. The committee returned to Brooklyn and gave a favorable report; after due deliberation, all of the Gruetli Verein members decided to emigrate.

The settlers each purchased their own tracts of land on the Middlefork River but reserved a tract of one hundred acres in the heart of the community for purchase by skilled tradesmen. All of the settlers, after the rule of their native countries, had learned trades. They had a fair education and brought good books and their Bibles with them.

In late 1869 the community was named "Helvetia," the original name for Switzerland and its nickname has been "Little Switzerland" ever since.

The community grew steadily. By 1874 there were 90 German and Swiss families residing at or near Helvetia, a total of 380 persons. Many others came and moved on.

Among the settlers named in The Story of Helvetia Community by The Centennial History Committee are: Ulrich Mueller, Chris Zumbach, and Mathias Suesli, stone masons; Xavior Holzweg, Christof Shilling, B. Merkli, Henry Eckart, and John Karlen, carpenters; John Toegler, blacksmith, Charles Fisher and J. V. Nachtigal, wagon makers; Fred Waelehli, botanist; Kasper Metzner, gardener; C. E. Lutz, architect; J. J. Mosman, designer; Henry Lehman, artistic painter; J. J. Hassig, painter; Gotlieb Daetwyler, shoemaker; Henry Asper, Sr., and Jacob Fobbes, tailors; Mathias Marti, hat maker; Herman Schloo and Joseph Zielman, watchmakers; George Betz, grocery salesman; John andregg, baker; John Hofer, confectionary baker, John Teuscher and Jacob Halder, cheese makers; Ernest Mathies, bookkeeper; G. O. Salinger, instrumental music and voice instructor; Christian Wenger and John Loser, German school teachers; Dr. Andrew Kern, minister; and C. F. Stucky, doctor.

Others were the Andereggs and Koerners (1870); Welchlies and Hofers from Ohio, and the Teuschers, Blaties, Stutzmanns, Senhausers, and Oschmans from Pennsylvania (1871). Also the Karlens, Gobelis, Torglers, Jacob Andereggs, Wuerzers, all directly from Switzerland (1873-74); the Fahrners, Wengers, Zumbachs, Vogels, Haslebachers, Burkeys, Merklis, Daetwylers, and Gimmels.

In 1872 Gustave Senhauser opened the first general store; he had his goods hauled from Weston and Buckhannon; In 1874 George Betz built the first grist mill; and, in 1887 August Vogel brought the first steam saw mill. Dr. Richard Blum of Wheeling built the first hotel in 1879; Mr. Frank Huber opened the second in 1887.

The first church was not affiliated with any denomination. They called themselves "The German Evangelical Reformed Church at Helvetia, Randolph County, W. Va." The

church was scheduled to be built in 1874 and the land was donated for the cemetery the same year; but the church building was postponed. In 1882 the church was renamed "The German Evangelical Reformed Zion's Church" and was under the jurisdiction of the St. John's Classis and Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; and the church was finally built and dedicated on 12 November 1882. It still serves the community.

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HARRISON COUNTY, (W)V, COURT MINUTES

Continued from Vol. XI, Issue 2.

pg 44 8 Jan 1785

At a court held at Harrison County Courthouse the 8th day of January 1785 for the examination of James Arnold who stands committed to the common goal, charged with the felonious taken away of Henry Fleshers horses and the (Murther) of Daniel Ratcliff on the 21th day of October 1784. Present William Robinson, John Powers, John Prunty, Benj. Robinson and John Goodwin gent. justices. The above named James Arnold being brought to the bar in custody of the sheriff of this county and upon examination denys the facts wherewith he is charged Sundry Witness was sworn and duly examined and the prisoner heard in his own defense and on consideration thereof it is the opinion of the court that the said James Arnold is in no wise guilty of the facts wherewith he is charged and the sheriff is commanded to grant the said Arnold his liberty.

p 45 18 Jan 1785

Agreeable to a former order of court William Lowther, Thomas Reed reports they have valued the improvements L 15 to be paid by levy, according to the bond.

pg 55 17 March 1783

That William Runyon be appointed surveyor of the highway in the room of Christopher Carpenter.

pg 55 18 March 1785

That William Lowther gent. be appointed the guardian of Isaac Washburn an infant orphan. William Lowther and George Jackson and Nicholas Carpenter his sureties appeared in court and entered into a bond of L 400 pounds according to law.

The court proceeded to lay the county levy to William Lowther high sheriff of this county for publish levies till the November Court 1784 past 2.10.0

pg 56 18 March 1785

That on the motion of William Lowther guardian of Isaac Washburn that John Purnty, George Jackson and Thomas Read together with the possible surveyor of this county to appear on the lands of Charles Washburn deceased and divide the lands of said deceedant and to appertain to the widow her dower in said lands.

Daniel Davisson the lower bidder undertook to make one pair of stocks, whipping post and pillory agt. next court for the sum of L 5.19.11. Thos. Reed enters security for the performance thereof.

pg 59 20 April 1785

Jessee Hughes vs. Edmond West Senior - plea not guilty. A jury to wit Hezekiah Davisson, Philip Washburn, Christopher Nutter, John Hacker, Thomas Berkley, William Waldan, Cornelius Ward, John Davisson (?Josiah) Hustard, Isaac Richards, William Humphrey and John Jackson - verdict and judgt for the debt.

That Jonathan Stout be appointed guardian to the orphan of David Edwards deceased.

David Sleeth, Ellias Hughes and William Hannaian proved their attendance for two days each in a suit between friends and Schoolcraft and Peter (Rinito).

pg 61 20 April 1785

Publick claims - Major William Lowther appear in court, proved to the satisfaction of the court same that he or is in the Volunteer Units under the Command of General George Roger Clark in the year 1781 and obtained from the General a Major's commission and acted in that capacity from 21 day of June until the eleventh day of August and then obtained a discharge, also that he was seven days from the date of his discharge to his arrivall home and that his obtained his discharge near (? Castoned by Tickney) and the discharge was lost and ordered to be copied.

To John Stalnaker himself and two horses, three days packing corn.

To Charles Foringash ten feet of bacons upward to 55 pounds.

pg 64 20 April 1785

Grand Jury - Benjamin Jones foreman, Thomas Philips, Jacob Stalnaker Junr., Thomas Wilmoth, Thos. Berkley, Daniel Stout, Andrew Davisson, William Davis, John Allen, Isaac Davisson, Thos. webb, Hezekiah Davisson, James Arnold, Jonathan Stout and William Haddon, they being the Grand Jury of Inquest for the body of this county being sworn and binding their charge and went out of court and after some time returned and made following indorsements to Wit:

Daniel Fink for drunkenness and disorderly behavior and also John Wolf for getting drunk and also Thomas Nutter for being drunk and also Peter Kinsilo for being drunk, swearing and behaving disorderly and also James McDead for assault and battery, evidence Obidah Davisson; also Samuel Hacker for break of the Sabbath day. Evidence Mary Cutrack (Cutright?) and Elisabeth (?Irvin), also Robert Pike for the theft evidence Caleb Stout - also Benj. Copling by on Thomas and Daniel Fink for allowing card playing in their own houses to the knowledge of two of us also Samuel Burros for getting drunken, also M. McCann for keeping a tipting house to the disorder of the publick, Gilbert Hustate, Major Powers evidence; Also James Gooff and Mary Anderson for having adultery to the knowledge of two of us; Also Jonathan

Crouch and Catherine Riffle for living in adultery to the knowledge of two of us; Also William Angling for living in adultery with a (?Cootain) woman to the knowledge of two of us; Also a Benj. Copling for allowing card playing last evening and night by David Murphy, Josiah Davisson Jun., Charles Harris and John Webb to the knowledge of two of us; Also Charles Harris for getting drunk to the knowledge of many of us.

pg 60 18 May 1785

Nicholas Carpenter, Thos. Cheney, John McCalley, John Sleeth and Benj. Robinson, Gent. justices.

pg 68 18 May 1785 Publick Claims

Edward Ratcliff, 78 bushes of Indian corn.

Adam O'Brian came into court and proved his issue of land certificate who was assignee of Hedgman Triplett, assignee of Edward Tanner, containing 400 acres adjoining land to Charles Fornish on Buckhannon River and ordered to be certifiyd.

pg 71 21 June 1785

AT a court held for Harrison County on the 21st day of June 1785 and OX year of ye Commonwealth. Present: James Anderson, Nicholas Carpenter, William Robertson, John Sleeth and Benjamin Robertson gent. justices.

James Anderson absented his seat.

James Anderson came into court and prayed a jury to settle the property of lands between him and John Powers agreeable to an act of Assembly in that can made and proved. That a jury be granted and the sheriff of this county do summons the same and appear on the lands in dispute and report the verdict of said jury to next court.

pg 73 21 June 1785

That George Bush be exempted from working on the highway and the payment of personal taxes.

pg 73 21 June 1785

That a didemous be granted to Daniel Stout to have James Anderson in Summerset County, New Jersey deposition thaken.

pg 74 21 June 1785

On the motion of Alexander Sleeth, David Smith and William Thornhill proved in court that Alexander Sleeth had L3 of a debt on which a Fine (taxes) had taxed from Hampshire Court at the suit of Robert Cunningham, ordered to be certifiyd.

pg 75 22 June 1785

The court mett according to adjourment. Present: James

Anderson, John Powers, John Sleeth, and Edward Jackson, gent. justices.

Caleb Stout came into court and proved his son Josiah (? monage) to pay tax for the year 1784. Ordered that his son be exempted from the payment of the Revenue and certificate for the year 1785.

That an acknowledgement made by Nancy Price to Valentine Stalnaker be admitted tor ecord.

That John Sleeth Gent. take list of tithables from the mouth of Loss Creek and upward including the whole of the Rivers on West Fork Settlement.

pg 77 19 July 1785

New Actions: John Johnson vs. Alexander Sleeth - dismissed
David Smith vs. John Johnson - dismissed

That Samuel Smith be exempted from the payment of personal taxes and laboring on the highway.

pg 79 16 Aug 1785

Sariah Stratten liberty to build a mill on his own lands adjoining lands to William Ratcliff.

That William McKenney be exempted from the payment of all personal taxes and laboring on the highway.

pg 80 16 Aug 1785

Sariah Straten by petition prayed the court for libert to build and erect a grist mill on his own land on Hackers Creek. Ordered that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

pg 81 17 Aug 1785

That Charles Foringash Senior be appointed constable and that he appear at next court to swear into office.

That Samuel (?Hacker) be apptd constable and that he appear at next court to swear into office.

John Riffle an orphan infant child of Francis Riffle deceased this day came into court and made choice of Jacob Riffle to be his guardian who entered into bond of L200 with Alexr Sleeth and George Bush his securities to John Pierce Duvall presiding justice and his colleagues for the performance thereof agreeable to the act of assembly.

pg 82 State vs. L. McCann deft. Indict.: Plead not guilty. Then came a jury to wit Jonathan Coburn, Aron Vancy, Isaac Davisson, Josiah Davisson, David Sleeth, Joshua Allen, Peter Hariom, Daniel Stout, David Wolf, William Thompson, Gilbert Hustage and William Asa - verdict deft. not guilty.

That on the recomation of Wm. Haymond pricible surveyor of this county that John Jackson Jun. is a person proper to fill that office of Deuputy Surveyor - Red. that Hezehiah

Davisson and Edward Jackson examine siad John Jackson as touching his ability to fill the said office as a Deputy.

pg 84 17 Aug 1785

On the motion of James Anderson High Sheriff came to court and offered Alexander Sleeth adn Jonathan Coburn who were admitted as his Deputy and took the oath of office.
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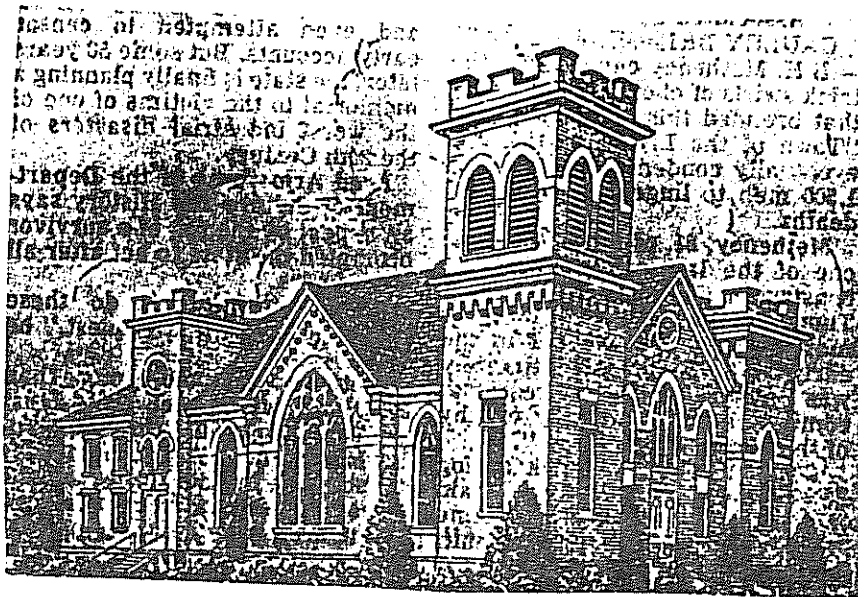
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF
BUCKHANNON, WEST VIRGINIA
FOR ITS
200th ANNIVERSARY
1776-1986



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First Baptist Church History

On page 220 of Cutright's "History of Upshur County" he writes that "Uncle Henry Westfall maintains that the Baptist Church was organized about the year 1814," and Curtight states that "after a thorough investigation of records, we are prone to accept this date as the correct one." Cutright's "History of Upshur County" was published in 1907 and since that time many sources of information have come to light, and after researching such materials, I would like to share with you my findings for the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Buckhannon, West Virginia

The earliest records I find about Baptist in America is from the "History of the English Baptist" by Thomas Crosby first printed in 1738. On 10 May 1622 John Tombes of Pensilvania sent a report of the Baptist churches back to London. I'll quote part of the seventeen page report: "That the Baptist have very much increased in those parts since they have enjoyed tranquillity, I find by a letter from Philadelphia in the province of Pensilvania, wrote by Mr. Abel Morgan, pastor of a Baptist church there, (Lower Dublin, Philadelphia County, constituted 1689) giving an account of the state and numbers of the Baptist churches in that province, 12 August 1714, wherein he says, 'We are now nine churches, having for the better assisting one the other, four general meetings. First at Welsh Tract, (located in Newcastle County, Deleware where all the Pensilvania churches report to in May. The second is Cohansy, Providence County, RHode-Island for conveniency of those parts, where Philadelphia assists. The third is at Middleton, Mommouth County, New-Jersey, where also Philadelphia assists. The fourth is at Philadelphia, in the month of September, where all do report, and where most of the public matters are settled to be decided by messengers from every particular church.'

Piscataway, Middlesex County, New-Jersey
Great Valley, Chester County, Pensilvania
Charleston, Charleston County, South-Carolina
Swanfey, Bristol County, Massachusetts."
Newport, Newport County, Phode-Island, three more preaching points

The above churches are the only ones mentioned, so I feel its safe to say that these are the only Baptist churches in America prior to 1714.

The next source I quote from is "The Annual Registrar of the Baptist Denomination in North America" by John Asplund first printed in 1791. He lists 897 churches in America with 204 in Virginia. So, in just a few years the Baptist churches really increased. In 1790 the Baptist churches listed in Virginia in what is now West Virginia Are:

Mill Creek Baptist Church, Berkerly County, constituted 1743 with 39 members and Edward Hayes as Pastor.

Greenbrier Baptist Church, Greenbrier County, constituted 1781 with 38 members and John Alderson as Pastor.

Crooked Run Second Baptist Church, Hampshire County, 1790 constituted with 48 members and Benjamin Stone as Pastor.

New-River First Baptist Church, Hampshire County, constituted 1787 with 60 members and Levi Ashbrook as Pastor.

Lost River Baptist Church, Hardy County, constituted 1788 with 24 members and Anderson Murfess as Pastor.

Luney's Creek Baptist Church, Hardy County, constituted 1788 with 48 members and Josiah Osborn as Pastor.

Clarksborough Baptist Church, Harrison County, constituted 1775 with 48 members and David Badgely as Pastor.

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Harrison County, constituted 1776 with 16 members and J. W. Lootbourrow as Pastor.

Simpson's Creek Baptist Church, Harrison County, 1777 constituted with 20 members and William Davis as Pastor.

Forks of Cheat River Baptist Church, Monongalia County, constituted 1775 with 29 members and John Smith as Pastor.

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Monongalia County, constituted 1786 with 10 members and John Danham as Pastor.

Mount Tabor Baptist Church, Monongalia County, constituted 1789 with 19 members and John Danham as Pastor.

Pricket's Creek Baptist Church, Monongalia County, constituted 1780 with 8 members and John Danham as Pastor.

Craig's Old Meeting, Spotsylvania constituted 1769 with 49 members and Ephraim Abell as Pastor. (Spotsylvania is now Morgan County)

Lower End Baptist Church, Berkerly County, constituted 1770 with 35 members and Henry Pendleton as Pastor.

Massaponox Creek Baptist Church, Jefferson County, constituted 1777 with 206 members and Thomas Mastin as Pastor.

Piney Branch Baptist Church, Jefferson County, constituted 1776 with 70 members and Henry Goodloe as Pastor.

Wilderness Baptist Church, Jefferson County, constituted 1769 with 126 members and Thomas Bridges as Pastor and assisted by Edward Ely and Jenkins Haney.

The churches listed in Harrison County, Virginia and which is now West Virginia are:

Clarksborough Baptist Church, Harrison County, constituted 1775 with 48 members and David Badgely as Pastor.

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Harrison County, constituted 1776 with 16 members with J. W. Lootbourrow as Pastor. Buchanon settlement.

Simpson's Creek Baptist Church, Harrison County, constituted 1777 with 20 members and William Davis as Pastor.

In 1774 Simpson's Creek Baptist Church located near Bridgeport begin meeting. This church was planted by James Sutton. In 1776 it organized with 45 members with Jesse H. Goss as Pastor, and in 1777 it constituted into a church and is known today as the oldest Baptist church in this area. In 1790 its Pastor was William Davis.

Harrison County Historians will tell you that this was not the first Baptist church of Clarksburg, as Simpson's Creek Baptist Church is not located in Clarksburg. On West Main Street, near South Chestnut Street, practically in the heart of Clarksburg today is still seen a little old graveyard which was the location of Hopewell Baptist Church or the first Baptist church in Clarksburg. One of the first persons buried in this graveyard is Obadiah Davisson the father of Daniel Davisson who later in deed to Hopewell Baptist Church, dated June 21, 1790 gave certain land which contained a log cabin church and graveyard located at mouth of Elk Creek where it empties into West Fork River. Another grave that can be read rather well is that of Andrew Davisson who died March 4, 1782 and is an Uncle of Daniel Davisson.

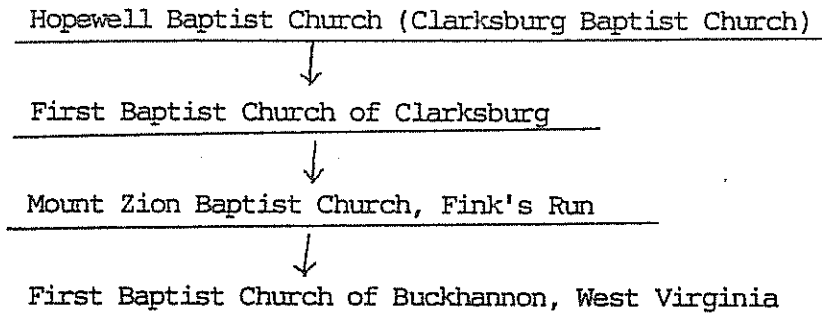
I believe Hopewell Baptist Church is the one Asplund refers to in his 1790 report as the Clarksborough Baptist Church with David Badgely as Pastor. By 1802 Hopewell Baptist Church had disappeared. Ira Chase in his report of Baptist in Clarksburg in 1818, describes the area in Clarksburg as "cabins were built affixed to each other forming a wall of protection. Nothing but an unkempt graveyard appeared where the Hopewell meeting house once stood. There was no church of any denomination and there were but few, very few, professors of religion, and some of thee were not very correct in their morals. On Lord's Day I preached in the Court House to a very small assembly and again in the evening." On 18 November 1848 Baptist met in the Harrison County Court House

and organized with 17 members and was called the First Baptist Church and a Rev. James Woods was the Pastor.

Practically all Historians including Semple, Hank, McWhorter, Withers, Stump, Asplund and Wesley all report that "on March 10, 1784 or 1786 (faded and hard to read) David Badgely, Pastor of First Baptist church, Clarksborough, Harrison County, Virginia made a trip to Buchanan settlement and organized Mount Zion Baptist Church, which had as many colored folks as white, whites numbered 16." This church was "made of logs with dirt floor and located on Fink's Run near Jacob Hire's mill." (Jacob Hyre's mill was built in 1783). Some of the names that I could still read from the old written records were: Jacob Hire January 10, 1784 Vanmetter's Va Rgt Rev War, Mary Hire June 4, 1784-June 6, 1835, Jacob E. Rohrbough 1801-1879, Elizabeth Hire Rohrbough 1807-1879 and Fornash, John Hyre, Jacob and John Brake...which most historians agree were members of the first Baptist church in Buckhannon. And all these were found buried in the old Baptist cemetery located where historians agree stood the first Baptist church in Buckhannon.

Also buried in this same graveyard were: Lewis, Carter, Toney, McGhee, Jeffer, Walker plus others which in the 1820 and 1840 censuses of Harrison and Lewis counties which included what is now Upshur County these are listed as Black persons which confirms the 1790 Asplund report of colored persons in the church. I find no record of these ever being members, maybe just attending. So, my conclusion is that the First Baptist Church of Buckhannon was the Mount Zion Baptist Church, located on Fink's Run where the graveyard is situated. Also in this old Baptist cemetery were: Leonard, Trask, Kiddy, Phillip, Janney plus others who most recognize as being of the Presbyterian faith. How did these get to the Baptist cemetery. In the National Archives in Washington, D. C., on an old map 1863 Civil War: No. 0A62-94VA of Buchanan Town (see map A) it has a Presbyterian Church and graveyard located at junction of Kanawha and Washington Streets. This would be today the location of the Western Steer Steak House. An M. E. Church South located on East Main Street, this was later an Episcopal Church plus housed other faiths and today belongs to the Upshur County Historical Society who plan to restore the old building. And an M. E. Church where today our City Hall Building is located. Also, a Baptist Church was located where today the Nautilus Fitness Center is. In these same records it list Buchanan and French-Creek Presbyterian churches and two Methodist

of Buchanon and a Baptist church received "compensation from the government for use of their provisions." Records show the Presbyterian church built in 1855 on Kanawha and Washington Streets and it did have a graveyard. In 1872 the new Presbyterian Church was erected at its present location on South Locust Street next to the Buckhannon Fire Hall. And in 1924 the church added a basement and more Sunday School rooms and also moved the graveyard to the Baptist Cemetery on Fink's Run. And we all know that in 1980 this Baptist Cemetery was moved to the Buckhannon Memorial Cemetery next to Heavener's Cemetery right outside Buckhannon. To this day 1986 a few graves were not moved and can be seen today still resting on a knoll of the old Baptist cemetery. The genealogy of the First Baptist Church in Buckhannon would look something like this:

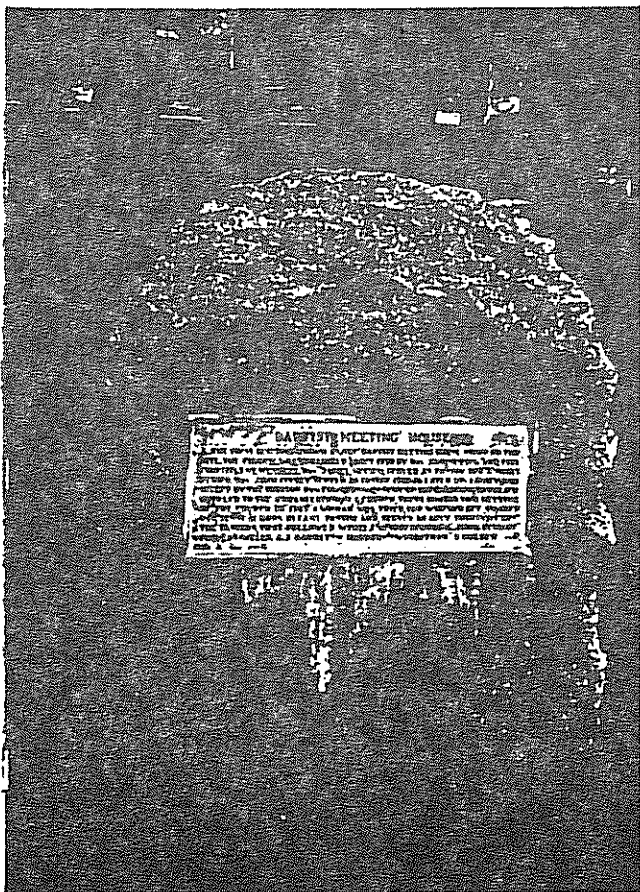


Now as you celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Buckhannon, West Virginia with Dr. Vincent Bagley as the Pastor, remember also that it was Pastor David Badgely who planted the church in the year 1776.

In Semple's "History of The Baptist in Virginia" he states Rev. John Corbley may have assisted in organizing the Simpson Creek Baptist Church in 1774. I can find no records to support this idea, but he could have been in Simpson Creek area in 1774 as minister's did travel a lot. In 1771 of April we find John Corbley living on Whitely Creek (now Pa) and John Sutton was pastor of Goshen Baptist Church (where Garrard's Fort was built). On November 5, 1775 Rev. John Corbley instituted the Forks of Cheat Baptist Church (oldest in Monongalia County) see photo B. Then in March 3, 1790 when John Asplund made his report, the pastor was John Smith with 29 members. John Corbley made his home at Garrard's Fort, Greene Township, PA (see map B) and John and most of his family are buried in the old Garrard's Fort Cemetery next to the Goshen Baptist Church. I have

included a genealogy of John Corbly family (see chart C) just for your personal interest.

References I used in making this report are: Baptist Beginnings by Thomas Crosby, Upshur County Centennial Churches, The Annual Register of the Baptist Demonination in North America by John Asplund, Religion in Augusta, Virginia by Thomas Hickman, Pendleton County Church History by Lewis Stockton, original letters and personal files of Frank Olchetree, Mrs. Hannah Jackson and Mary Elizabeth Rose Stalnaker, Tetrick's personal and WPA files, personal diarys of Rev. Samuel Pringle, Rev. Benjamin Mitchell and Jeremiah Robey, church historical records, History of Upshur County by Cutright, Baptist General Association of West Virginia, History of Baptist in Virginia by Semple, the Horn Papers, the Hardesty's collection, the Monongalia Store by Core, Prehistoric West Virginia by Pownell, Chronicles of Border Warfare by Withers, research at Archieves in Washington, D. C. and Charleston, West Virginia, and I visited libraries all over West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and went through tons of old newspapers, letters, Bible records and genealogies, etc, and on everything you will find my mark *jmc* with the date researched.



This stone with a metal plaque is located at the Bridgeport Cemetery with the following inscription:
The first building known as the Baptist Meeting House stood on this site. The church was organized about 1770 by Rev. John Sutton and five constituent members. Rev. John Corbly served as pastor 1780-81, later his family was killed by the Indians. Rev. Edwards was sent to Buckhannon to preach, this led to the organization of a church there in 1786. In a meeting of the church in 1787, a woman was tried for withcraft. In 1807 Rev. Jesse H. Goss became pastor and served nearly thirty years. The pastors that followed were: J. W. Toofborough, John Denham, Phineas, Wells, A. J. Garret, M. Maddox, J. Wrightman, B. Hollen.

First Baptist Church of Buckhannon To Recognize 200th Anniversary, Sept. 7-14

The First Baptist Church of Buckhannon, will celebrate the 200th anniversary of its organization during the week of Sept. 7-14.

The church was organized sometime during the year 1786 by the Simpson Creek Baptist Church. The first meeting house was erected in 1814, just below the mouth of Fink's Run, about 200 paces from one of the many bends in the winding river, on a bit of elevated ground, in what later was the Old Baptist Cemetery. A second building was built on North Locust Street, where the Nautilus Fitness Center now stands. The third building, which is the present place of worship is located on the corner of Hart Avenue and Florida Street. This building was dedicated on Oct. 8, 1911.

The church has a rich heritage, and has been served by several pastors, continuing up to the present pastor, Dr. Vincent Bagley.

A list of events scheduled for Bicentennial Week is as follows:

Sept. 7 — 9:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:45 a.m., Sunday morning worship. Speaker — The Rev. Bryce Griffith; 7 p.m., Sunday evening service, Youth in charge.

Sept. 8 — 7 p.m., American Baptist Women, Speaker — Mrs. Rose

Marie Durig.

Sept. 9 — 6:15 p.m., American Baptist Men, Speaker — Dr. James Lutz.

Sept. 10 — 7 p.m., Bible study, Leader — Dr. Vincent Bagley.

Sept. 13 — 1:30 p.m., Special exhibits will be on display; 6:30 p.m., Covered dish dinner, Master of Ceremonies — Dr. Douglas Hill.

Sept. 14 — Homecoming Sunday,

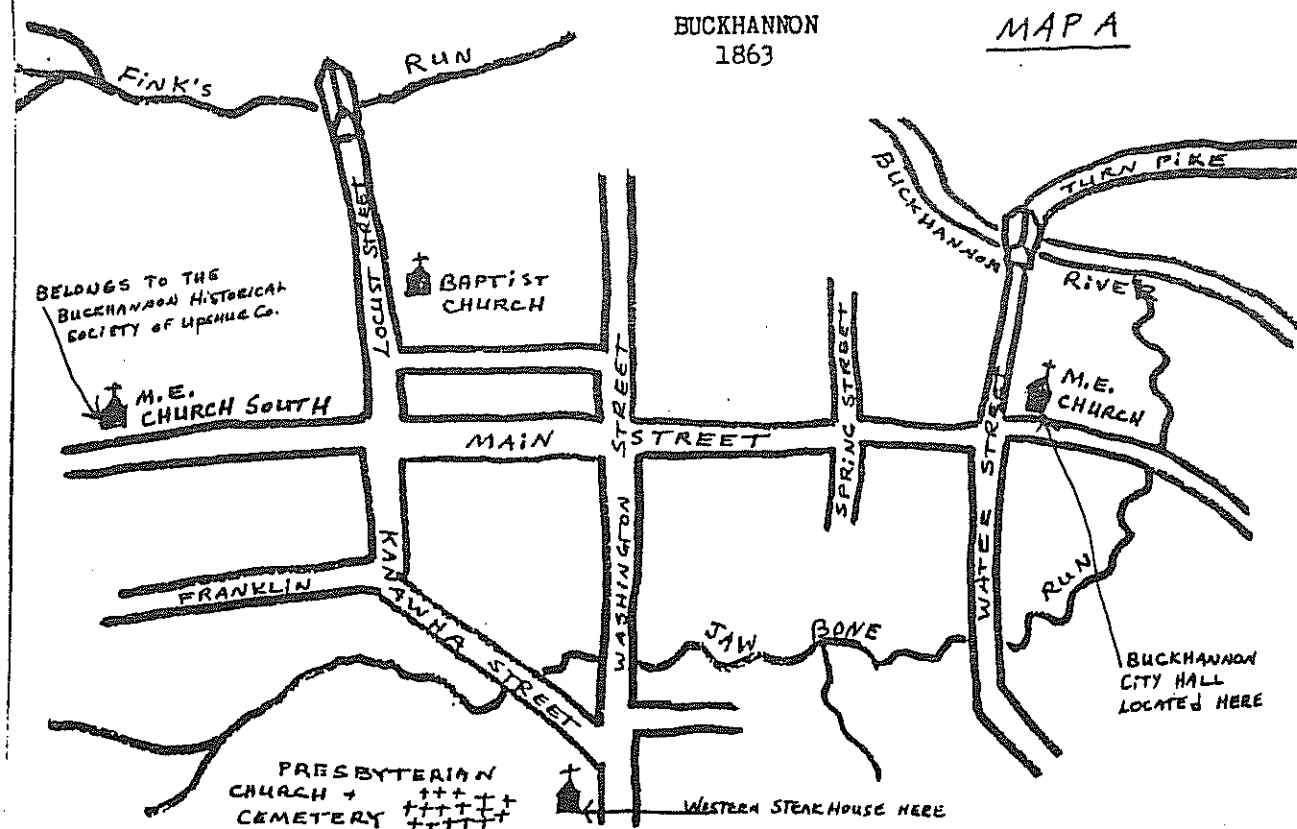
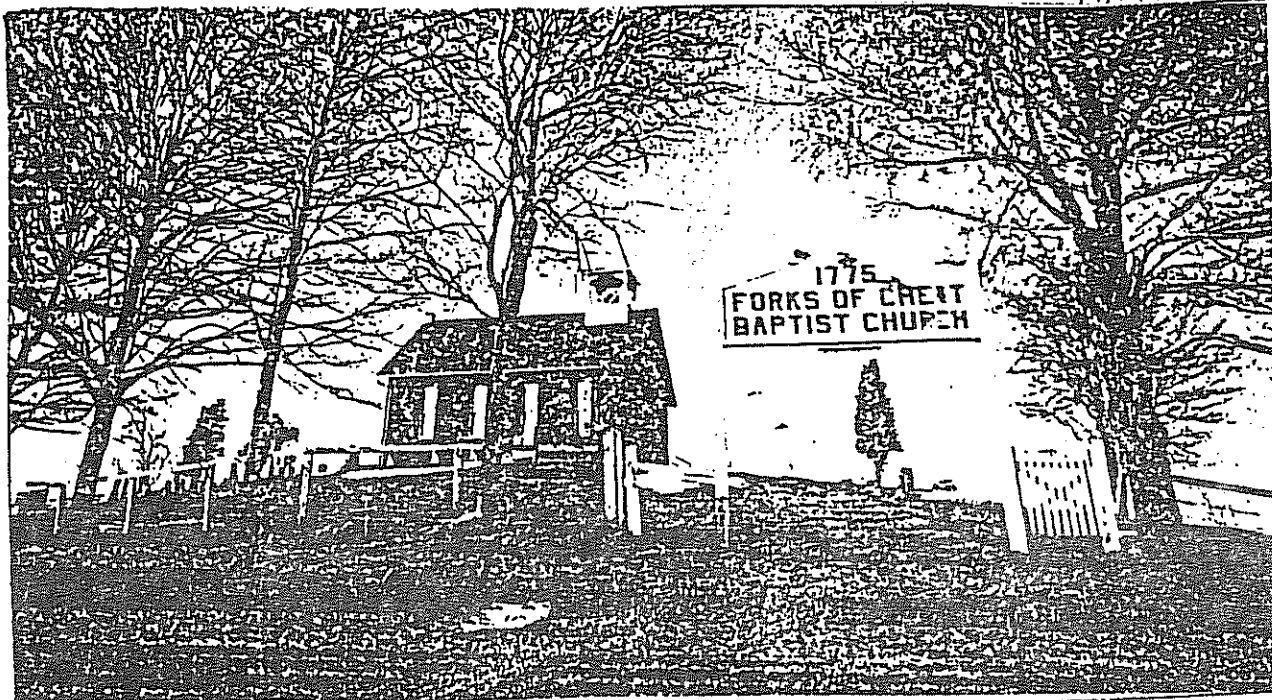
Speaker — Dr. Ward Robinson; 9:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., Special worship service; 12:30 p.m., Lunch; 2 p.m., Musical program.

Recognition will be given to the oldest person present, oldest member of FBC present, largest family present, youngest person present, youngest member of FBC present, and person traveling farthest.



DR. VINCENT BAGLEY is the new pastor at the First Baptist Church here. (Photo by Barbara Clowdus)

PHOTO B



NOTE! WAS MOVED TO OLD BAPTIST CEMETERY WHICH HAS NOW BEEN MOVED TO BUCKHANNON MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY (HEAVENER CEM.)

Rev. John Corbly

CHART C

Born Feb 23, 1733 near London, England

Died June 9, 1803 Garard's Fort, Pennsylvania

Emigrated to Philadelphia 1747

Moved to Virginia 1751

Married 1752 Abigail Bull 1734-1768

Married 1773 Elizabeth Tyler D-1782

Married 1784 Nancy Ann Lynn 1761-1826

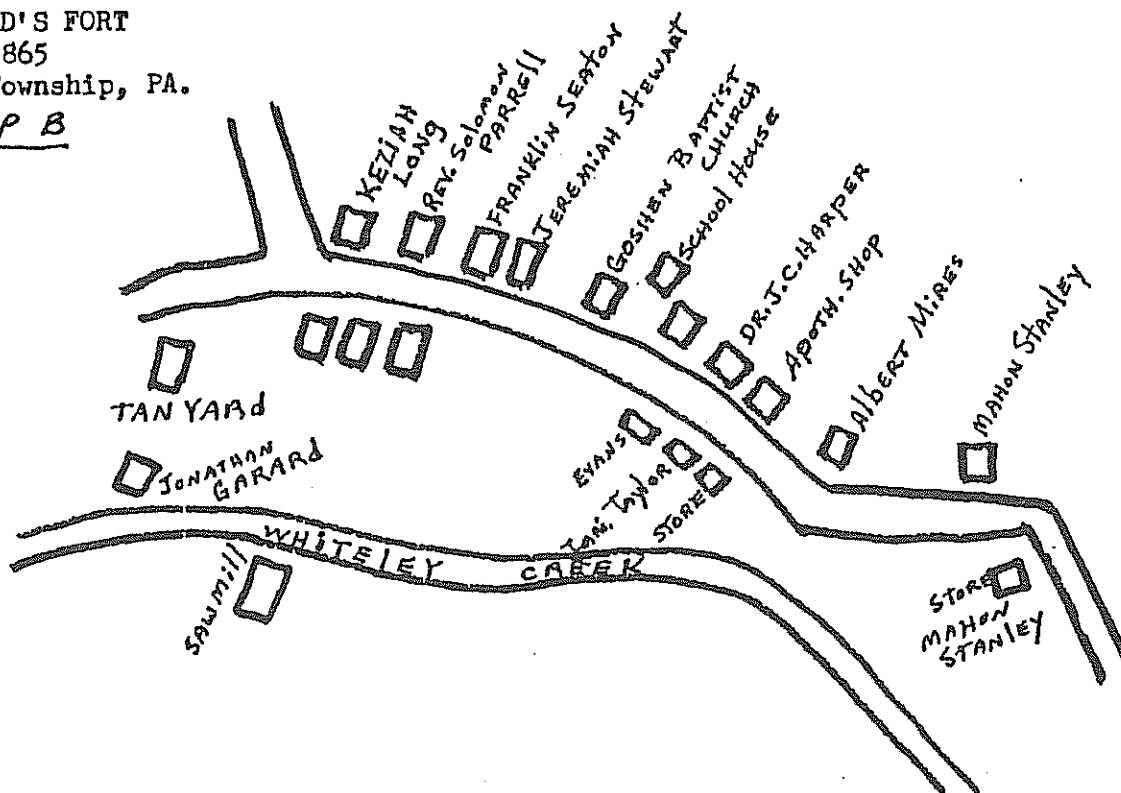
1st wife
Margaret
Rachel
Priscilla
John

2nd wife
Delilah
Elizabeth
Isiah
Mary Catherine
Nancy

3rd wife
Andrew
Fleasant
Cassandra
Sarah
Amelia
Nancy
William

GARARD'S FORT
1865
Green Township, PA.

MAP B



Obituary. Death of Wm. G. Saylor.

Wm. G. Saylor was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 27, 1828, and died at his home, near New Athens, O. July 30, 1892. He had been afflicted, many years, with asthma, and sometimes so bad that it seemed he could not live but a short time; then there would be a change in the atmosphere and he would recover. The last attack continued several days, yet his death was sudden and unexpected. Wednesday morning, between two and three o'clock, while sitting in his chair, he asked for a drink of water and after receiving it, remarked to his wife that she was very kind to him and requested her to raise his head should he fall asleep. These were the last words he uttered. In a few minutes he was dead. Mr. Saylor was married four times and was the father of twenty-one children. The earlier part of his life was spent in Clarksburg, Va., where he filled positions of honor and trust. In those days he possessed considerable wealth; but reverses came and difficulties arose over which he had no control, until about nineteen years ago he came to Harrison county almost penniless. In these nineteen years he saw and experienced a great deal of the "rough side" of life. The long sickness and death of his third wife, the cares and responsibilities of a large family of small children, and disease constantly annoying him. Mr. Saylor was noted for his habits of industry and his desire to teach his children to be industrious, honest and mannerly. In this effort, no one doubts his success. Of the fifteen children living, there is not one but what is a credit to him. All are doing well. Their good conduct and manners attract attention wherever they go, and not a few parents in this community might blush when they think of and realize this fact. During the civil war he was in Virginia, and was overseer of a wagon train in the Union army. Two years ago he became a member of the M. E. Church and attended public worship whenever health would permit, while at home he was found faithful in the discharge of every christian duty. During his last illness he realized the fact that he might not recover and seemed to welcome the time when he would be released from his suffering. He has gone to his reward. All will miss him, but none so much as the wife and little children who are left to fight the battle of life without husband and father. He was buried in Longview cemetery, where his remains were followed by a large funeral procession.

QUERIES

1. Info wanted on William BUMGARDNER b abt 1806 and Mary STANDLEY/STANDLEY b abt 1808, who were m 10 Jan 1826, Lewis Co, (W)V. Mary was d/o Thomas STANDLEY. Need rest of parents, siblings, etc. Was William related to Godfrey and Gertrude _____ BUMGARDNER? Connected to the ELLSWORTH and CHEUVRONT families. Charlotte SIEGFRIED, PO Box 232, Milford, IN 46542.
2. Seek birthdates, places and names of par of John ARNOLD, d 1811 Harrison Co, (W)V. Spouse M. Jemina JACKSON 1792 Harrison Co, (W)V. Also seek info on siblings: Isaac, George, James, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary, Katturah. Seek birthdates, places and names of par of Margaret Hagel BUSH, b 19 May 1834 nr Glenville, Gilmer Co. Spouse: Jacob Radcliff ARNOLD, gs of John ARNOLD. Goldie BUSH, PO Box 1574, Ukiah, CA 95482
3. Andrew WYATT (1805 - 1870/80/Illinois) m ca 1832 Margaret S. ?? When and where married? What was her maiden name? Their children: William Franklin, John, Charles, Mary, Joseph, Nancy Ann, Andrew Johnson, & Sarah J. WYATT. This family left Braxton Co, (W)V, in 1853 for Edwards Co, IL. William Franklin b Greenbrier Co, (W)V; believe rest were born in Braxton Co. Was Margaret HANNA the wife of Andrew WYATT who was b ca 1765? Where are they buried? Who were this Andrew's parents? Agness L. BRYANT, PO Box 25, Ingraham, IL 62434
4. My great uncle, Grover CORDER, was a doctor in Jane Lew Lewis County, for many years. He was b ca 1883 and d ca 1950. Where there any CORDER physicians in Lewis County before this Dr. Grover Corder? If so, who were they? Where they in Jane Lew, too? I know there were CARDER families on Kincheloe Creek in Lewis/Harrison counties. Were there CORDER families there too? This would be between 1850 and 1900. Lyle K. CORDER, 13 Crestview Terrace, Bridgeport, WV 26330
5. Joseph JEANS/JANES/JONES d ca 1813 in Monongalia Co, (W)V. In same county John JEANS m Cary PETTERS 19 Nov 1808 and Zachariah JEANS m Susannah GEORGE 8 Oct 1810. Were Zachariah and John the sons of Joseph?? Zachariah moved to Madison Co, IN, ca 1824. A Zachariah JEANS/JANES is on 1850 census in Madison Co. Is he the same as the Monongalia Zach? A Zachariah JEANS shows up in Davis Co, IA, ca 1853. Is it the same person?

Some sources say Jacob HARDMAN, s/o Peter and Charlotte (LAZIER) HARDMAN was b 1768. Jacob and wife, Elizabeth Ann COON, moved to Madison Co, IN, in 1836; 1850 census there shows him b ca 1792. Jacob's will in Madison Co

dated 14 Apr 1858 names children: Peter; Martin G.; Alcinda (prob married a PIERCE); Arvilla (deceased but previously married to _____), Elisabeth (deceased but was married to a RAINES), Luvernia, and "All my children." Did "All my children" include Anna Maria HARDMAN who m Michael WILSON in Lewis Co, (W)V, in 1834? Thomas Jefferson, b 1819, who m Mary Ann JEANS/JANES/JAYNES/JONES before 1840 prob in Madison Co, IN? Cravel? HARDMAN. Debbie HURLEY, 400 Happy Acres, Waynesville, NC 28786 PH 704-926-0494

6. I'm looking for the proverbial "needle in a haystack." My g. grandfather, b ca 1855, someplace in Virginia or West Virginia, was kidnapped by "two old men" when he was seven or eight years old. They "took him to the mountains" and held him captive until he was about 15. He escaped "because one of the old men died." By 1880 he was living in Knox Co, OH, as Edward WILT. After Edward was 21, he went back to Virginia (West Virginia?) to find his family but "the courthouse had burned." He said that he didn't know whether to go by the name of Edward WILT or Edward ROSS. Can anyone help? Linda MANSON, 2175 Cambridge Rd., Coshocton, OH 43812
7. John C. KISSICK, d 1864/KY, s/o Henry MC KISSICK/KISSICK and Mary McCAY/McKAY. Maybe by a first marriage? he had son Andrew Jackson KISSICK, b 18 Jul 1820, who m Mary McNEELY CLINE 29 Mar 1842 in KY. Jackson bur in KY, she m again and went to IL. John C. KISSICK m 5 Nov 1822 KY Mary "Polly" GRAY, d/o ???, who was b in VA. What, if any, is this family's connection to the Lewis County KISSICK family. Will gladly exchange info.

George W. CLINE (1787/VA-1848/Meigs Co, OH) m 17 Mar 1808 Harrison Co, (W)V, Ruth McCANN (1790-1839), d/o Patrick and Hannah (JOHNSON) McCANN. Children: Urias m Sarah McHENRY; Mary m Rueben HALL; Patrick m Mary LYNCH; John m Elizabeth TOWNSEND; Martha m Amon ROBINET; Sarah m Ripley GRAHAM; William Chapman m Ruth Virginia Althar; Druzilla m William/Wilson; and Joseph Johnson m Jane DOUGLAS. What connection, if any, is there to the family of John CLINE whose will was prob Fleming Co, KY 4/9 Mar 1849. John m Mary McNEELY and had children: William 1/m Nancy FILSON 2/m Martha FILSON; Landon m Sarah ??; Byers Taylor m Mary HOPPER/HOOPER; Peter m Rachel JACKSON; James m Margaret JAMES; Samuel m Elizabeth TINSLEY; Mary m William DAVIS; Levi Wheeler m Sarah McKISSICK/KISSICK; and Taylor m Elizabeth HOPPER/HOOPER. Will exchange. Eileen KISSICK, 2586 S. County Rd 625W, New Castle, IN 47362

8. In this issue of HCJ, Harrison Co Court Minutes (pg 64 20 Apr 1785), note reference to Samuel Hacker. Another reference to same person 17 Aug 1785. Who

was Samuel? Or is this a misnomer for John?? Joy
GILCHRIST, HC-64 Box 38, Alum Bridge, WV 26321

9. Seek info on Abel R. and Mary C. CUNNINGHAM, Lewis Co moved to Braxton Co, 1840. Children: Catherine m W. J. JAMES; Benjamin F. m Nancy CHENOWITH; Susan m Lorenzo HAMRICK; Mary m. Burton HAMRIC. Info on Henry and Nancy HAYES CUNNINGHAM; son William Perry CUNNINGHAM and wife Mary Ann PRICE. His children: Benjamin Lloyd, b 1858; Loomis, b 1862; Jane, b 1854. Malwina SNYDER, 2206 Grace St., St. Marys, WV 26170
10. Seek info & desc of Ephraim JEFFRIES b 1775-77 in VA, d 1845 in Harrison Co, (W)V, m 1799 to Tabitha NORMAN. Children: Elizabeth Charlotte, b 1800/1810, d 1849, m Charles A. QUEEN; James Norman (1805-1885) 1/m Martha STARCHER 2/m Susan Lucinda JARVIS; Lucretia Louise m Michael FURBEY 1822 in Harrison Co, WV; William 1807 - Fauquier Co, VA, m Nancy NORMAN; Margaret m William B. QUEEN 1819 Harrison Co; and a George; and John. Marge JEFFRIES MURPHY, Rt 1 Box 203C, Blue Earth, NM 56013
11. Searching for desc of: John E. JACKSON, b 22 Jan 1810, d 18 Jul 1875 Lewis Co, WV, m 18 Apr 1849 Mary Sarah Byrne/Burns Lewis Co. Believed to have gone to Missouri and/or California after his marriage.

Need info on family of Martha "Mattie" Caroline RENFREW/ RENFRO b 10 Mar 1852, d 23 Nov 1925 Kanawha Co, WV, m in Anderson Co, KS, ca 1871 George Washington JACKSON, s/o Jacob Jay JACKSON. Jacob Jay JACKSON was s/o John JACKSON, Jr. and gs/o John and Elizabeth (CUMMINS) JACKSON. Mattie and George were divorced; she 2/m Charles MALONE. First child Muisetta was b 5 Mar 1873 Anderson, KS. Nancy JACKSON, 507 Haymond Hwy, Clarksburg, WV 26301
12. Seek info on family and parents of Job WEST who m Mary E. GASTON (b 1785); charter members of Broad Run Baptist Church; Was f/o Ruanna WEST (b Harrison Co, 1806) who m Watters SMITH, Jr (b 1804). Also seek info on family & pars. of George POST (b aft 1750) and his wife Elizabeth PETERSON. Were pars of Mary POST (b Harrison Co, 1809) who m William G. GASTON. Also is there evidence to solve the conflicting claims that the father of Elizabeth DAVISSON SMITH (b 1769) and Anna DAVISSON GASTON (b 1765) was either William DAVISSON or Andrew DAVISSON? Will share. Jeff WHITTAKER, 9901 Cone Ct, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-4406

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